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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1955 -

Males - 345,487

Females - 325,263

Persons - 670,750

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1955 -

Persons - 365,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	569	523	1,941	1,952
* Rate per 1000 of Population	10.25	9.73	8.71	9.11
Births - Number	1,308	1,263	5,547	5,351
* Rate per 1000 of Population	23.57	23.50	24.89	24.96
Deaths - Number	388	354	1,704	1,615
* Rate per 1000 of Population	6.99	6.59	7.65	7.53
Infant - Number	35	32	133	125
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	26.76	25.34	23.98	23.36
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	3	3	8	11
Malignant neoplasms	48	51	258	223
Diabetes mellitus	2	4	23	17
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	3	2	7
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	58	34	226	190
Diseases of the heart	112	101	459	470
Hypertension with heart disease	6	7	39	59
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	1	23	23
Arteriosclerosis	8	8	40	36
Influenza	-	2	1	2
Pneumonia	13	7	59	51
Bronchitis	1	2	10	8
Other respiratory disease	2	3	12	13
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	7	9
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	4	5	9
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	2	3
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	2	12	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	9	4	30	17
Disease of the prostate	5	2	22	15
Maternal causes	1	2	4	4
Disease of early infancy	25	19	77	70
Motor Vehicle Accidents	17	23	71	81
Other Accidents	23	18	98	90
Suicide	9	6	39	28
ALL other causes	34	48	177	174
Total:	388	354	1,704	1,615

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, 1956, totalled 352,574 acres, an increase of 47,655 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,817,573 acres, an increase of 1,181,517.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,591,161	4,353,003	43,738,367	39,987,944
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 15. 4	6. 12. 7	65. 7. 7	61. 13. 10
Expenditure	4,566,580	3,931,287	46,923,878	40,837,370
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 14. 7	5. 19. 9	70. 2. 10	63. 0. 0

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of May, 1956, amounted to £55,672,787 or £81.19.10 per head of population as against £52,489,544 or £79.18.9 per head at the end of May, 1955. Figures exclude operations of the Rural and Industries Bank of W.A.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for five weeks ended 30th May, 1956, amounted to £14,797,148 compared with £14,684,805 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No.	1,723	1,774	17,219	20,535
	£.	2,562,028	2,828,659	25,606,442	31,675,108
Mortgages	No.	1,243	1,370	11,641	15,299
	£.	2,283,319	2,673,718	22,984,730	29,134,601
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	908	955	8,764	10,257

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
May, 1956	4,099,564	2,464,584	11,045,081	622,622
May, 1955	4,565,502	2,567,431	10,702,177	518,422
Eleven months ended May, 1956	42,381,852	25,774,463	104,755,823	5,200,019
Eleven months ended May, 1955	42,174,796	23,130,333	101,132,553	5,242,600

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

182 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,050,101 and 83 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 203 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £24,939,501 and 94 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eleven Months ended MAY					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	68	123,820	40,733	55	122,380	47,283
Deeds of Assignment (a)	56	267,802	271,778	27	116,373	137,081
Deeds of Arrangement	3	15,681	10,738	1	1,223	274

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,089,500	1,064,300	10,709,200	10,326,200
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,168,748	1,123,911	12,355,389	11,257,189
Train Miles Run No.	651,228	661,905	6,777,839	6,402,884
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 115,795	(b) 121,453	(c) 1,131,193	(c) 1,235,602
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	929,350	789,551	9,984,871	8,035,485
Motor Bus No.	22,001	31,358	257,925	293,874
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	330,584	309,210	2,875,252	2,705,131
Livestock	8,006	8,228	118,422	109,011
Departmental (Free Freight)	49,175	53,559	626,631	751,873
Total:	387,765	370,997	3,620,305	3,566,015
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	50,957,150	47,800,736	478,085,813	446,810,036
Livestock	903,563	1,001,463	15,462,998	14,374,087
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,526,132	7,374,278	69,565,839	93,541,334
Total:	57,386,845	56,176,477	563,114,650	554,725,457

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 31st March.

(c) Period ended 31st March.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
1956 -								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
1955 -								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
1956 -								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Not available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL		APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,612	4,940	38,577	41,395	8,034	6,781	63,026	60,691
	7,014	8,364	68,546	75,976	1,392	2,209	28,633	18,212
Total:	10,626	13,304	107,123	117,371	9,426	8,990	91,659	78,903

BUILDING ACTIVITY
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956 - March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
<u>1956 -</u> March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	MAY		5 Months ended MAY	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	62,295	61,673	350,679	364,684
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	973,355	963,636	5,479,357	5,698,183
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	563,448	488,336	785,323	710,211

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"O" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	2937	2819	2898	2824	2605	2514	2577	2501
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3080	2981	3074	2942	2515	2452	2508	2437
Northam	2932	2885	2936	2854	2521	2481	2518	2447
Bunbury	2980	2866	2986	2862	2588	2519	2586	2483
Geraldton	2989	2896	2988	2890	2763	2643	2732	2620
Collie	3005	2914	2999	2896	2390	2326	2381	2314

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235			
June	136,347	43,880	180,227			
July	135,696	43,901	179,597			
August	135,857	43,758	179,615			
September	136,616	43,913	180,529			
October	136,291	43,924	180,215			
November	136,970	44,401	181,371			
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	
June	211	220	230	239	
July	211	221	230	237	
August	212	221	230	238	
September	211	223	232	240	
October	212	224	233	240	
November	213	227	234	242	
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
23/4/56	12. 17. 1	8. 7. 1	12. 13. 11	8. 5. 0	12. 15. 11	8. 6. 4

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	45,705	41,417	471,933	419,470
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	41,248	36,938	424,740	375,344

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
April, 1956	7,965	219	64,708	10,592
April, 1955	6,990	173	64,475	10,088
10 Months ended April, 1956	100,909	3,267	1,115,689	125,836
10 Months ended April, 1955	97,396	3,793	1,001,921	137,280

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956 -										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	474	155	195	81	669	236	4	9	220	110
Total, 4 Months ended April	1,778	617	725	298	2,503	915	32	30	875	443

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	607	1,203	6,479	7,673
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	221	638	3,357	9,834
- Clay	'000	8,316	9,420	90,010	94,221
Enamels	gal.	5,957	4,067	68,731	36,175
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	153	231	1,828	2,328
Paints (Ready Mixed) Excluding Water Paints	gal.	25,187	20,498	195,239	211,167
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	483	954	7,272	9,931
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)14,867	(a)13,487	(b)188,847	(b)182,882
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Fullovers	doz.	1,305	1,354	9,772	10,573
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	110	1,775	4,533	22,037
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,160	2,655	39,120	46,945
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	353	260	5,905	7,514
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	193	255	2,429	3,516
- 2 piece	no.	1,492	1,776	19,350	20,548
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	4,695	3,941	44,507	46,148
- Work	no.	17,338	13,314	114,841	135,618
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	42,972	37,963	335,549	377,917
Sandals	pair	391	369	127,791	132,610
Slippers	pair	51,850	35,167	388,880	367,607
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	503	720	6,821	6,837
Butter	'000 lb.	778	789	15,345	14,860
Cheese	'000 lb.	117	107	1,770	2,275
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	311	325	3,351	3,424
Jams	'000 lb.	56	45	1,153	561
Margarine	'000 lb.	144	122	1,132	1,109
Sauce - Tomato	pint	56,923	63,612	691,636	577,518
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	635	203	5,779	3,632
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	151	152	1,367	1,265
- Nitric	cwt.	42	28	310	180
- Sulphuric	ton	13,584	15,324	164,957	151,058
Cycles, Pedal	no.	567	347	6,524	7,276
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	131	126	1,337	1,320
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,479	2,174	21,391	20,192
- Woven Wire	no.	1,900	1,438	27,975	30,556
- Soft filled	no.	4,212	3,405	38,298	38,638
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	56	92	669	995
Utilities (all types)	no.	Nil	20	157	316
Trailers (all types)	no.	14	19	201	220
Perambulators	no.	27	56	583	706

(a) April figures. May not available.

(b) Ten months ended April.

